COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Thursday, the *3rd of August 1933.*
19th of Karkadagam 1108.

The House met at half-past eleven of the Clock with the President in the Chair. Mr. C. Barton Wright and Dr. A. G. Menon were absent.

Questions and Answers.

Adjournment of business in the last meeting.

151. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state what prompted the members of the Treasury Bench to support the motion of adjournment of business on the last day of our last sitting and what the contents of the resolution is that stood as next in the agenda that would have otherwise come for the consideration of the Council ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The official members did not support the motion. They remained neutral.

The resolution that stood next in the agenda reads "This Council recommends to the Government to work out a better distribution of wealth in this State".

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, was this circulated among the Government Members before answering this question ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No. There was no necessity to do so.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do the Government think that it was a mistake in not having circulated this question before answering it ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On what ground ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Because, even without referring the question to the members, the Government is in a position to furnish a correct answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—When there is not a poll, is it customary for the Secretary to note down each and every act of the individual Government members ?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The Secretary has not noted down the acts of individual Members. The Government Members always vote in a block and I have noted down the position assumed by the Government block, when the motion in question put

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Are the Government in a position to say that not a single member raised his hands for the adjournment of this House?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Yes. The Government is in a position to say that no Member of the Government block has voted in support of the motion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is a veritable lie.

President.—I cannot allow the use of such unparliamentary expressions in this House. So you will please withdraw that expression.

(*Some Hon'ble Members.—Withdraw, withdraw.*)

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—From the stand-point that the word is unparliamentary to you, I mean, for the representatives of the Government.....

President.—No qualification for the withdrawal.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I withdraw it on the assumption that it is unparliamentary. What was the necessity for the Secretary to the Council to note that the Government Members remained neutral when there was no poll?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—The attitude taken by the Government Members in connection with the adjournment motion in question has been noted down in the minutes of the proceedings of that day. I have referred to the minutes and furnished this reply.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—Will the printed proceedings of the Council show that the Government Members remained neutral?

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—No. The minutes recorded by me will show it.

Palliatives for Agricultural indebtedness.

152. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Adverting to question No. 140, 16th December 1931, regarding Agricultural indebtedness, will the Government be pleased to state what other palliatives they have in store?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—None at present.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, May I know whether there is anything in future?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There are none at present. I am sorry I can't add anything further.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In view of some of the united non-official resolutions passed by this Council, will the Government be pleased to state what they intend to take in this connection?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We are enquiring into it and we are just trying to know if anything could be done on the

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